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24 December 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

ATTENTION: Executive for Administration & Management

The following message from the Chief Engineer in Charge of construction at the new [REDACTED] has been received by the Chief, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], asking if any statement on [REDACTED] to local press permissible. Says he expects to run article in Tarsana Herald in near future. [REDACTED] is former OSS and has worked at [REDACTED] Editorial Department under loan to [REDACTED] from OSS."

To avoid possible undesirable speculation by the press which may be prompted by refusal to comment on this project, it is recommended that the press release quoted below, which does not publicly associate this project with the Central Intelligence Agency, be released on or about January 10, 1948 to the following offices in Los Angeles, California:

Tarsana Herald
Associated Press
United Press
International News Service

"Due to more advantageous local operating conditions at [REDACTED] the United States Government's [REDACTED] will move its radio monitoring station, which has been located at [REDACTED] since October of 1941, to [REDACTED] immediately upon completion of a new station now under construction at that location. The new station is expected to become operative sometime during March or April of this year."

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EDWIN L. SIBERT
Brigadier General, USA
Assistant Director for Operations

LKW:cdr

cc: [REDACTED]

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Return to Chief, [REDACTED] 1

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